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1. SUMMARY. FIFTH DAY OF LSC DEVOTED TO CONTINUATION OF GENERAL DEBATE AND DISCUSSION ON MOON TREATY. IN LATTER AREA, AUSTRIAN DEL SUGGESTED VARIATION OF SOVIET "INFORMAL NOT FOR ATTRIBUTION" WORDING (SEE REFTEL) TO MEET OBJECTIONS OF LDCS. IN GENERAL DEBATE, OF EIGHT DELS MAKING STATEMENTS, CHILE, MEXICO, ITALY, SIERRA LEONE, AUSTRALIA, AND BELGIUM SPOKE ON NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES IN SPACE. GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND ITU ALSO DELIVERED STATEMENTS.

2. CHILEAN DEL SUPPORTED EXAMINATION OF LEGAL PRECEDENTS CONCERNING NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS IN RESPONSE TO COSMOS INCIDENT. STATED OPENNESS TO COMPROMISE FORMULA IN MOON TREATY AS LONG AS COMMON HERITAGE CONCEPT IS NOT SET ASIDE. ON DIRECT BROADCAST FROM SATELLITE (DBS) REITERATED PRIOR UNCLASSIFIED

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CONSENT OF RECEIVING STATE IS ESSENTIAL AND DISAGREEMENT WITH TECHNICAL FIX CONCEPT. ON REMOTE SENSING SUPPORTED PRIOR CONSENT FOR BOTH SENSING AND DISSEMINATION.

3. MEXICAN DEL STRESSED IT WAS ESSENTIAL FOR LSC TO RESPOND TO NEEDS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY REGARDING NUCLEAR POWERED SATELLITES. REGISTRATION SHOULD BE

STRENGTHENED AND MORATORIUM ALONG LINES PROPOSED BY SWEDEN IMPOSED UNTIL SECURITY MATTERS ARE SETTLED. ON DBS ACCEPTED FREE FLOW PRINCIPLE IN CONTEXT OF HUMAN RIGHTS BUT STATED ABUSE OF PRINCIPLE SHOULD BE AVOIDED AND STRESSED NEED FOR PRIOR AGREEMENT TO REFLECT SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF STATES. ON REMOTE SENSING SUPPORTED PRINCIPLE OF SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF STATES OVER OWN RESOURCES AND RIGHT OF SENSED STATE TO INFORMATION ON ITSELF. AFFIRMED COMMON HERITAGE PRINCIPLE IN MOON TREATY.

4. ITALIAN DEL NOTED COSMOS 954 WAS A WARNING AND APPEALED TO SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY OF USSR AND USA TO TAKE APPROPRIATE SAFEGUARDS. SUPPORTED CANADIAN, SWEDISH AND JAPANESE SUGGESTION TO SET UP A GROUP TO EXAMINE LEGAL ASPECTS OF NUCLEAR POWER PROBLEM. ON MOON TREATY, SUPPORTED USE OF RE-TABLED 1973 AUSTRIAN PAPER AS COMPROMISE BASIS. ON DBS, SUPPORTED FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION PRINCIPLE BUT NOTED THAT FREEDOM NOT A LICENSE TO DISSEMINATE FALSE INFORMATION. ON DEFINITION AND DELIMITATION OF SPACE, CONFIRMED 1975 ITALIAN PROPOSAL THAT 90 KILOMETERS SHOULD BE THE LIMIT. REJECTED EXTENSION OF SOVEREIGN RIGHTS TO GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT.

5. SIERRA LEONE DEL REGISTERED CONCERN ABOUT USE OF NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES AND JOINED OTHER DELS IN CALLING FOR SAFEGUARDS. SUPPORTED INCLUSION OF COMMON HERITAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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PRINCIPLE IN MOON TREATY, STATE SOVEREIGNTY OVER RESOURCES IN REMOTE SENSING, AND NEED FOR PRIOR CONSENT IN DBS.

6. AUSTRALIAN DEL SUPPORTED LSC REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS TO DETERMINE COVERAGE OF NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES. NOTED NEED FOR FLEXIBLE APPROACH TO REACH AGREEMENT ON MOON TREATY, SUPPORTED CONSULTATION PRINCIPLE IN DBS, AND GREATEST POSSIBLE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION CONSISTENT WITH NATIONAL INTEREST IN REMOTE SENSING.

7. BELGIUM DEL, REGARDING NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES, STRESSED THE NECESSITY OF EXPLANATIONS AS TO NEED, RISKS, AND PROTECTION DEVICES. SUPPORTED ACTION SUGGESTED BY CANADA AND JAPAN. NOTED NO PROBLEM WITH COMMON HERITAGE PRINCIPLE IN MOON TREATY BUT WAS NOT DOCTRINAIRE. ON DBS, SUPPORTED FREE FLOW PRINCIPLE, BUT NOTED IT SHOULD NOT BE ABUSED AND AGREED WITH TECHNICAL FIX APPROACH. ON DEFINITION AND DELIMITATION OF SPACE FAVORED 100 KILOMETER LIMIT.

8. GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC DEL SUPPORTED SOVIET

PROPOSAL FOR OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO MOON TREATY ON NATURAL RESOURCES, PRIOR CONSENT TO DBS, AND PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OF STATES OVER RESOURCES IN REMOTE SENSING. ITU SPOKE OF 1977 WARC AND COMING 1979 MEETING.

9. WORKING GROUP 1 ON THE MOON TREATY CLOSED ITS WEEK OF DISCUSSIONS WITH AN AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL FOR A NEW PARAGRAPH 1 TO BE ADDED TO ITS 1973 PROPOSED ARTICLE X AS FOLLOWS:
"THE MOON AND ITS NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL BE CONSIDERED THE COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND FOR PURPOSES OF THIS TREATY. THIS PRINCIPLE FINDS ITS EXPRESSION IN THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE." US SUGGESTION THAT AUSTRIAN DEL PREPARE NEW PAPER INCORPORATING ABOVE LANGUAGE WAS ACCEPTED AS A BASIS FOR CONTINUED DISCUS-
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